



Illness Exclusion Policy

includes students and staff of Coopersville Area Public School (CAPS)

1. **Severely ill** - A child or staff member that is lethargic or less responsive, has difficulty breathing, or has a rapidly spreading rash.
2. **Fever** - temperature of 100.4°F or greater AND behavior changes OR other signs & symptoms (ex: sore throat, rash, vomiting, or diarrhea). Individuals should not return until there is no fever for 24 hours *without the use of fever reducing medications*.
 - a. Staff can use their best judgment if the child does not have a fever of 100.4°F or greater, but still appears significantly ill with symptoms such as glassy eyes and/or lethargy.
3. **Diarrhea** - loose or watery stools. The child should have no loose stools for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
 - a. Exception: A health care provider has determined it is not infectious. Diarrhea may be caused by antibiotics or new foods a child has eaten. Discuss with the parent/guardian to find out if this is the likely cause.
 - b. For students with diarrhea caused by *Campylobacter*, *E.Coli*, *Salmonella*, or *Shigella*, please consult with one of the School RN's for specific exclusions and required clearance criteria.
4. **Vomiting** - A child that has vomited. The child should have no vomiting episodes for 24 hours prior to returning.
 - a. Exception: A health care provider has determined the vomiting is not due to an infectious condition.
5. **Abdominal Pain** - A child with abdominal pain that continues for longer than 2 hours, or intermittent pain associated with any other signs and symptoms such as a fever.
6. **Rash** - The child with a rash AND has a fever or change in behavior. Exclude until the rash subsides or until a health care provider has determined the rash is not infectious. For students with a diagnosed rash, please consult one of the school RN's for specific exclusions and required clearance criteria.
 - a. *Note: rapidly spreading bruising or small blood spots under the skin need immediate medical attention.*
7. **Skin Sores** - A child with weeping sores on an exposed area that cannot be covered with waterproof dressing.
8. **Respiratory Symptoms** – worsening or not improving, and not explained by another cause (ex: allergies)